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MEMORANDUM FOR Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (7 September 2017)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 7 September 2017 are approved/disapproved.

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JOHN P. JOHNSON Major General, U.S. Army Commanding

Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes

Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

- 1. The Fort Jackson Retiree Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting at 1800, 7 September 2017, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
 - a. Members Present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman

COL John Gergulis, USA Retired

COL Carl W. Horn, USA Retired

COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired

COL Steve Vitali, USMC Retired

LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired

LTC James Ross Snell, USA Retired

CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary

CW4 Constantine S. Green, USA Retired

CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired

CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired

SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired

b. Members Absent/Excused.

COL Thomas Robillard, USAF Retired

Lt COL John Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman

CSM Jesse Deberry, USA Retired

CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired

MSG Edward Lundeen, USA Retired

MSGT Robert Barkalow, USAF Retired

MCPO Jim Null, USN Retired

SGM Joyce S. Roberts, USA Retired

MSGT James W. Rogers, USAF Retired

TSGT George Geriner, USAF Retired

c. Others Present.

CSM Lewis Kellam, USA Retired, DHR

MSG Greg Fountain, USA Retired, Retirement Services Officer

Mr. Dan Ahern, DFMWR

Mrs. Pam Wallace, MAHC

Mr. Kevin Lowans, AAFES, Main Store Manager

Mr. Dave Drysdale, AAFES, HR Manager

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- 2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1800 and thanked all present for their attendance and what they do every day to support Retirees and their Families. He introduced COL John Gergulis, USA Retired, as the newest member of the Retiree Council. Minutes from the 13 July 2017 meeting were approved.
- 3. Garrison Update: The entire Fort Jackson and Garrison staff is preparing for the possible closing of the installation due to Hurricane Irma. The Navy is evacuating the Charleston area, and Fort Jackson anticipates 900 individuals to relocate here.
- 4. Old Business: The Fort Jackson Retiree Council is researching the possibility of adding a surviving spouse. CW5 Ratliff will verify the definition of surviving spouse with the Department of the Army RSO.
- 5. New Business: The Fort Jackson Retiree Council will prepare an article for "Army Echoes" outlining the support received from the installation.
- 6. RSO: The 2018 Retiree Appreciation Days is scheduled for 17-19 May 2018. Armed Forces Day is on 19 May 2018. Potential speakers were discussed. The theme is "Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier....A Soldier for Life". Articles for the Retiree Bulletin are due not later than 15 January 2018.

7. Council Reports:

- a. Golf. None.
- b. MAHC. Hearing aids are available "at cost" for DoD eligible Retirees and dependents. Flu shots will be offered starting the first week of October 2017. Flu shots will be given at the former Orthopedic Clinic on the first floor across from the Radiology Clinic. Active duty will be the first to receive shots. The MAHC is preparing for impacts from Hurricane Irma. Changes to operating hours will be available on social media. Ms. Wallace offered to set up flu shots on 2 November 2017 prior to the Retiree Council meeting. Spouses are welcome to get their flu shot.
- c. DFMWR. The FY17 budget cuts were overturned and the FY18 budget is anticipated to be 10-12% more than last year. COL Scott Nahrwold, USA Retired, is the new President of the Golf Council. Mr. Ahern announced he was departing Fort Jackson to take a position with IMCOM Pacific. The Officer's Club is expected to reopen on or about 1 October 2017. Legion Pool closed on Labor Day and the Water Park closes after Dog Day at the Waterpark. Weston Lake has also closed until 2018.
- d. AAFES. The Main Exchange will have water available on 8 September 2017. Hurricane supplies will be located at the front of the store. In addition to water, generators and chain saws will be available. The AAFES is always looking for Retirees and veterans to join their team.

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- e. Commissary. None.
- f. Community Information Exchange. A meeting was conducted in August 2017.

8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: The Association of the United States Army Golf Tourney is 13 October 2017. The meeting adjourned at 1900. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 November 2017.

MICHAEL R. MOLOSSO

COL, USA Retired

Chairman, Ft. Jackson Retiree Council